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10 January 1956

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 10 January 1956

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Special Assistant for Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General Ridgely Gaither, Assistant Chief of Staff,
Intelligence, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Colonel Robert Totten, acting for Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative
to the IAC
Mr. Alan H. Belmont, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation

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1. Approval of Minutes
5 January Meeting
(IAC-M-224)

Approved as written.

2. Watch Committee Report
No. 283

Noted.

3. Priority National Scientific
and Technical Intelligence
Objectives
(IAC-D-50/8, 27 December 1955)

a. Approved as written.

b. This was viewed as a commendable effort, which might be extended to other fields, to derive objectives in a particular field based on the over-all Priority National Intelligence Objectives.



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5. Intelligence Aspects of Proposed
Exchanges of Technical
Delegations with the USSR

a. The Chairman stated that he had received a request from Mr. Hoover, Undersecretary of State, for the views of the IAC on intelligence aspects of a proposed exchange of highway and

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transportation delegations with the USSR. Mr. Armstrong then announced that he had just been informed that the State Department was notifying the Russian Embassy that arrangements could not be completed to permit the entry of the Soviet delegation at this time.

b. The Chairman requested the members' views on the general subject of exchanging technical delegations with the USSR, inasmuch as the NSC will consider the question of the net gains to the US from such exchanges. The Army and Navy members said that, provided a net gain accrued to the US and proper precautions were taken regarding US internal security, they were in favor of such exchanges. Mr. Belmont stated that the FBI had in the past opposed Soviet visits on grounds of US internal security. The question of gain for the US from such exchanges must therefore include a careful consideration of attendant internal security problems. It was noted that the internal security problem would probably be referred by the NSC to the IIC. The Joint Staff member noted that studies made by the JIG had shown that whereas Soviet delegations in the past had access to many people and installations in the US, our delegations have been severely restricted in their visits to the USSR. Mr. Armstrong said that there was no unanimity of opinion in the State Department on this question. He said that an IAC study of the problem from the intelligence standpoint would be useful to the NSC Planning Board, which would also receive reports from other agencies concerning other aspects of the proposed exchanges. General Samford stated that it should be borne in mind that adverse US action might bring reprisals which would further restrict US representatives in the Soviet Union.

c. The Chairman then reported that the Department of Commerce was doubtful of the possibility of a net gain for the US from the proposed exchanges. In his view, provided the problem of US internal security was satisfactorily met, there were important gains for US intelligence to be derived from such visits to the USSR.

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d. The Chairman then suggested, and the members agreed, that an ad hoc committee be appointed to study the intelligence aspects of the problem. He requested the members to inform the Secretary of the personnel they would designate to the committee.

6. African Estimates Scheduled
for 1956

Agreed to schedule an NIE on Tropical Africa for May, and one on the Union of South Africa for the third quarter of 1956.

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9. Executive Session

At 1245 the Chairman held an executive session with the members.

Adjournment: 1315

Secretary

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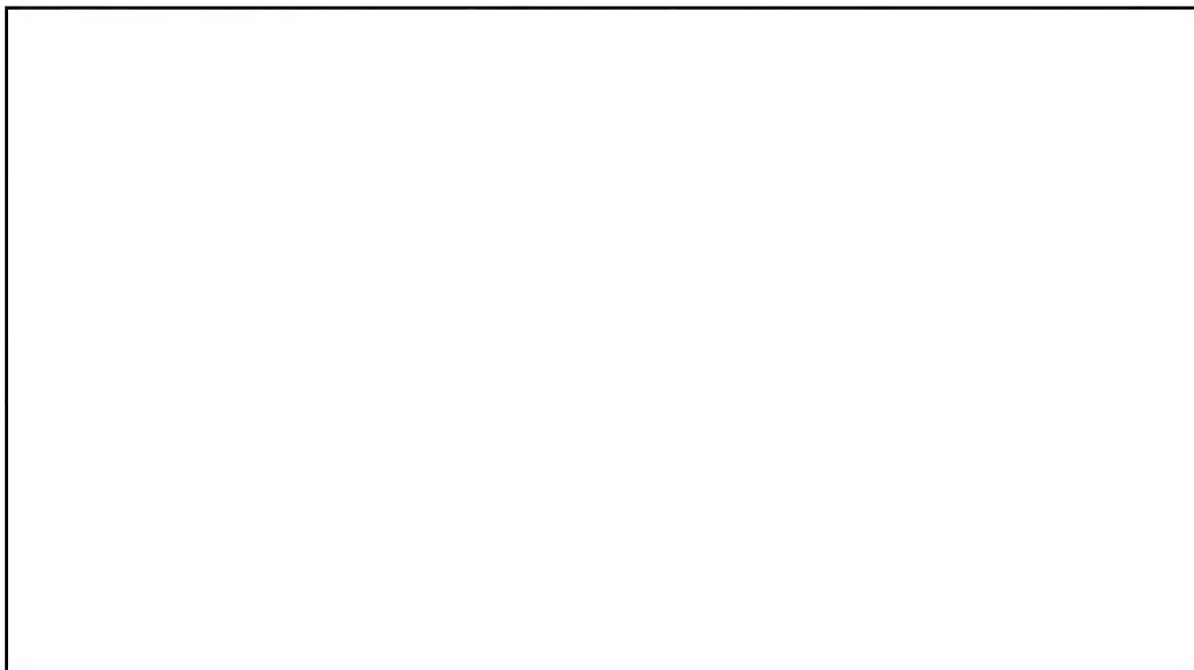
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3. Approval of the validity study of NIE 12-54, and the post-mortem findings on NIE 12-56, which were not taken up formally at the meeting, was confirmed by the members after the meeting.

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ALSO PRESENT

Central Intelligence Agency

Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell
Mr. Robert Amory, Jr.
Mr. Sherman Kent
Mr. Otto E. Guthe
Mr. Herbert Scoville, Jr.



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Department of State

Mr. Howard E. Furnas
Mr. Charlton Ogburn
Mr. Richard Tims

Department of the Army

Lieutenant Colonel John E. Arthur
Lieutenant Colonel Donald L. Husman
Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Delaney

Department of the Navy

Captain B. E. Wiggin

Department of the Air Force

Colonel Willis B. Sawyer
Lieutenant Colonel Richard D. Day
Lieutenant Colonel Van A. Woods, Jr.

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The Joint Staff

Colonel Charles H. Dayhuff, Jr., USA
Colonel J. D. Byrne, USA
Commander W. F. Cafferata, USN

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. M. W. Kuhrtz

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